

ATCC**Exhibit A**

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**BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF
THE DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PATENT PROCEDURE****INTERNATIONAL FORM****RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL DEPOSIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 7.3
AND VIABILITY STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 10.****To: (Name and Address of Depositor or Attorney)**

UGA Center for Food Safety
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Deposited on Behalf of: University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.
Boyd Graduate Studies Research Center, University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602-7411

Identification Reference by Depositor:**Patent Deposit Designation**

Bacillus circulans: B. circulans 58-9
Bacillus circulans: B. circulans 76-9
Escherichia coli: E. coli 31-6

PTA-5614
PTA-5615
PTA-5616

The deposits were accompanied by: a scientific description, a proposed taxonomic description indicated above. The deposits were received October 23, 2003 by this International Depository Authority and have been accepted.

AT YOUR REQUEST: X We will inform you of requests for the strains for 30 years.

The strains will be made available if a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty certifies one's right to receive, or if a U.S. Patent is issued citing the strains, and ATCC is instructed by the United States Patent & Trademark Office or the depositor to release said strains.

If the cultures should die or be destroyed during the effective term of the deposit, it shall be your responsibility to replace them with living cultures of the same.

The strains will be maintained for a period of at least 30 years from date of deposit, or five years after the most recent request for a sample, whichever is longer. The United States and many other countries are signatory to the Budapest Treaty.

The viability of the cultures cited above was tested October 29, 2003. On that date, the cultures were viable.

International Depository Authority: American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 USA.

Signature of person having authority to represent ATCC:

Marie Harris
Marie Harris, Patent Specialist, ATCC Patent Depository

Date: November 10, 2003

cc: Mr. Brad Addison

Ref: Docket or Case No.: 31725-71505

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